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SUBJECT: Turkish MFA Proposes Mutual Support for  
Candidacies in the IMO

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[1](#)1. This message contains an action request in para 4.

[1](#)2. MFA followed up our October 7 demarche on elections to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Council with a diplomatic note proposing mutual support for Turkish and U.S. candidacies. The text of the October 7 note is reproduced in para 3.

[1](#)3. Begin text diplomatic note 2003/DHGY/408560:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honor to propose a mutual support agreement between the candidature of Turkey for re-election as member of the Council of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) under Category "C" and the candidature of the United States for re-election as member of the Council of the IMO under Category "A" at the elections to be held during the 23rd Session of the IMO Assembly in London between 24 November and 5 December 2003.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

End text.

[1](#)4. Action Request: Please advise Embassy as to how to respond to MFA's proposal. Edelman